Governor's Forest Health Council

Notice of Public Meeting of a Public Body

Sections 7.6, 7.7.4 and 7.9.1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE – Governor's Forest Health Council

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431, notice is hereby given to the members of the Forest Health Council and to the general public that the **Forest Health Council** will hold a meeting open to the public:

November 10, 2010 9am – 12pm Arizona department of Commerce 1700 West Washington Street, Suite 600 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Minutes (Draft)

1) Call to Order ~ 9:06a.m. Co-Chair, Molly Pitts

Members Present:

Co-Chair Ethan Aumack, Co-Chair Molly Pitts, Larry Stephenson for Mark Herrington, Tom Klabunde, Diane Vosick for Wally Covington, Scott Hunt, Rob Smith, Ron Williams, Don Berry, Brenda Burman, Steve Gatewood Rob Davis, Paul Summerfelt for Mayor Sara Presler, Todd Schulke, and Darrell Willis.

Members via Tele-Conference

Steve Rosenstock

Members Absent:

Don Falk, Kevin Kinsall, John Metzger, and Michael Neal.

Public:

Christine Dane, Cam Hunter, and Stephanie Washington (ACA Staff).

2) Approval of the Minutes from the October FHC Meeting ~ Approved

- o Ron Smith moved for approval.
- o Minutes approved.

3) Summary of Council business since last FHC meeting ~ Ethan Aumack or Molly Pitts

- Not much activity except preparing for Novembers meeting.
- Molly and Ethan have been trying to schedule a meeting with the State Forester to go over access fees. Possible conference call should happen later this month.
- Addition to Agenda:
 - Christine Dawe to provide update on Biofuels. In review of the strategy, there have been good discussions thus far however the comment period is over at the end of November.

4) Working Session: 2011 FHC Workplan

- Kevin Kinsall sent in a letter outlining his thoughts for the 2011 work plan.
- Section d: Working Structure. Scott Hunt states that this is an informal council and it has not been working off any bylaws. We should look at the charter, any bylaws, term limits and make recommendations. Since we currently do not have any bylaws, what format does the council make recommendations? Practices thus far have been working under a consensus and Kevin appoints the chairman or co-chairs.
- Molly Pitts states people need to attend meetings and members who do not attend regularly need to be replaced.
- Brenda Burman feels we should field recommendations though Vicki at the State Foresters Office.
- Larry Stephenson adds that we continue to identify viable utilization strategies and to look at things that are also happening in Washington.

- Review ARRA items, look at the list of current incentives, have people or companies to come speak to the group.
- Achievable outcomes:
 - Attract policies and make recommendations to the Governor or the Federal Level.
 - Review current tax incentives
 - Become familiar with the corporation Commission by letting them know FHC exists.
 - Better coordination with the Climate Change Oversight Group. First meeting is December 2nd. Christine should attend the first meeting and this will be finalized in January.
- Right to Burn legislation needs to be addressed. Smoke issues and interactions with the WGA.
- Ethan Aumack suggests having fewer council meetings and spends that time in working groups...possibly every other month or quarterly.
- Specific work groups to have met and establish objectives by the January meeting and to have clear scope of work:
 - Coordination Oversight Group/Climate Christine Dawe
 - Utilization & Economic Issues **Molly Pitts**, Don Berry, Brenda Burman, Todd Schulke, Larry Stephenson, Rob Smith and Scott Hunt.
 - ARRA update. (both state and federal) Scott Hunt and Tom Klabunde.
 - Forest Plan Revisions **Diane Vosick**, Todd Schulke, Christine Dawe, Ethan Aumack.
 - Smoke Issues Steve Rosenstock, Tom Klabunde, Brenda Burman, Molly Pitts.
 - Interaction with WGA **Todd Schulke**, Ethan Aumack, Molly Pitts, Scott Hunt.
 - o (Possible other strategic partnerships as well).
 - Fire Management issues not at this time...to be brought back in January.
 - Funding **Brenda Burman**, Ethan Aumack, Diane Vosick.
 - o Must be done within two weeks. Draft letter and get to Kevin.
 - Education bring back to January. Specific work groups to include individually.
- Identify for January meeting:
 - Objectives
 - Time lines
 - Tasks
 - Work plan

5) Call to the Public

No Comments

6) Meeting Schedule and Locations

- Calendar 2011. Move meetings to every other month.
 - January 13 Phoenix
 - o March 10 Phoenix
 - o May 12
 - o July 14
 - September 8
 - November 10
- All workgroups to have time Agenda to present.

This is the time for the public to comment. Members of the Board may not discuss items that are not on the agenda. Therefore, action taken as results of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further considerations and decisions at a later date.

7) Adjournment 12:02 p.m.

Dated this December 28, 2010

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